

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated June 15, 2005, please consider the following remarks.

In the Office Action issued June 15, 2005, claims 1-6, 8-14, 16-17, 19-23, 25-26, 28-32, 34-35, and 37-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,208,853 to LoVasco et al. (LoVasco) in view of WO/94/30023. Claims 7, 15, 18, 24, 27, 33, and 36 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. New claims 39-66, which were added in the amendment filed January 10, 2005, were not discussed.

Claims 1-4, 6, 8-12, 14, 16-17, 19-21, 23, 25-26, 28-30, 32, 34-35, 37-66 are now pending in this application. Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 5 and 7, claim 12 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 13 and 15, claim 21 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 22 and 24, and claim 30 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 31 and 33. Claims 5, 7, 15, 18, 22, 24, 27, 31, 33, and 36 have been cancelled.

Claim 1 now includes the subject matter of claim 7 rewritten in independent form and including the subject matter of the base claim and all intervening claims. Claim 12 now includes the subject matter of claim 15 rewritten in independent form and including the subject matter of the base claim and all intervening claims. Claim 21 now includes the subject matter of claim 24 rewritten in independent form and including the subject matter of the base claim and all intervening claims. Claim 30 now includes the subject matter of

claim 33 rewritten in independent form and including the subject matter of the base claim and all intervening claims.

Therefore, all pending claims in this application should now be in form for allowance. Accordingly, entry of this amendment, favorable reconsideration of this case, and issuance of the Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

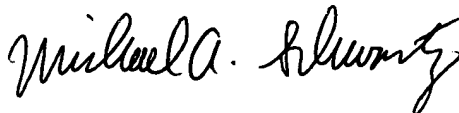
Additional Fees:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 19-5127 (19527.0003).

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, all of the Examiner's rejections to the claims are believed to be overcome. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for all the claims remaining in the application. Should the Examiner feel further communication would facilitate prosecution, he is urged to call the undersigned at the phone number provided below.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Schwartz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" being the most prominent.

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